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In re Application of: PAUL FIRESTONE :

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Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
COLLECTING VEHICLE FEES :

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37CFR 1.102 (c)

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SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application Special and thereby advance prosecution of this application out of turn based on Applicants age in accordance with 37 CFR 1.102 (c) and MPED 708.02 IV.

Applicants current age is 81 years old. Applicant will turn 82 on August 14, 2004.

Respectfully, Applicant requests his petition be granted and that this application be taken out of turn to advance prosecution.

Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

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STATEMENT OF APPLICANT UNDER 37 CFR 1.102 (c)

I, the below signed to hereby declare as follows:

- (1) I am the sole inventor in this case.
- (2) I was born August 14, 1922 and am currently 81 years old.
- (3) All statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 18 U.S. Code 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

April 24, 2004
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